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In re application of: <b>ROBERT F. MILLER and DANIEL D. FREITAS</b>	Attorney Docket: <b>505981</b>
Application Serial No.: <b>10/806,657</b>	Art Unit: <b>3679</b>
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**RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

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Applicant claims small entity status.

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Enclosed in response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) *Filing Date Granted* ("NOTICE"), which included PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE, please find:

- (1) **PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE;**

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- (2) Our check #6390 in payment of the \$460.00 small entity filing fees and surcharges (\$395.00 statutory basic filing fee + \$65.00 surcharge for late filing fee/oath/declaration). Please charge any deficiency in fees and any additional fees to the undersigned's deposit account no. 04-0039 (ref. 505981);
- (3) **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, PTO/SB/22, and our check #6391 in payment of the associated extension fee;
- (4) **DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**, PTO/SB/01;
- (5) **POWER OF ATTORNEY**, PTO/SB/81, specifically a separate **POWER** signed by each inventor;
- (6) **PETITION TO ADVANCE EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION** and  
(7) supporting **DECLARATION** by applicant; and
- (8) Stamped, self-addressed acknowledgment postcard.

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If an additional extension of time is required, that is, if it is or becomes necessary to extend the period for response beyond the period requested in the accompanying **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, please consider this a petition and request for such extension of time and authorization to charge the associated extension fees to the undersigned's deposit account, 04-0039 (ref. 505981).

Respectfully submitted,  
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).


- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$450** for a Small Entity

- **\$385** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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